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DEVELOPMENT OF I.T. IN UTTARAKHAND REGION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workshop of Scientists and Technological Experts held on April 21.23, regarding development of Uttarakhand evolved a strategy for development of Information Industry in the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the strategy evolved to attract Foreign Direct Investment;

(c) whether the strategy include provision of a High Wide-Band- Internet connectivity to this region; and

(d) the action taken and being taken in regard thereto?

Answer

NISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a),(b) and (c): A workshop on the `Role of Science and Technology to the Integrated Development of Uttarakhand` was held during April 21-23, 2000 at Kosi-Katarmal, Almora. The workshop wasnot merely dedicated to the development of Information Industry, but covered a wide range of issues for integrated development of the region through S&T intervention namely
(i) Geo-resources
(ii) Bio- resources
(iii) Infrastructure and Technological Interventions and
(iv) Socio-economic aspects. Among the suggestions made one set of suggestions related to the provision of High Wide Band Internet connectivity to the region. A decision has also been separately taken to set up Community Information Centres (CICs) with full Internet connectivity in all the blocks of the Uttarakhand region along the lines of a similar decision taken for North-East and Sikkim in January, 2000.

(d): As a follow up measure, the Department of Science and Technology has recently set up a Steering Committee to evolve a Mission Mode project based on the recommendations of the said workshop and suggest ways and means for interaction, coordination and resource mobilization.